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To Whom It May Concern:

The proposed settlement in the Microsoft antitrust trial does not even attempt to address all of the anti-competitive practices that Microsoft is engaged in. Nor does it force Microsoft to correct its actions.

Microsoft as a company is built on the credo "All computers everywhere running Microsoft software and only Microsoft software. And they have done a good job of reaching that goal.

Most of the "settlement" only helps to keep the Microsoft monopoly alive. While the rest of the "settlement" does nothing to prohibit Microsoft from abusing its current position in the operating system market. These are important oversights given the seriousness of Microsoft's past practices.

Microsoft was and is an extremely big player in the operating system/software market. As such they should be forced to open up and allow people to take full advantage of their innovations. By intentionally disabling and crippling other companies software any hope for innovation is lost. US citizens deserve more. They deserve the right to choose how and what they do with their computers. By allowing Microsoft to continue in its current manner that choice is lost.

Sincerely,
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